GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Import of Wheat
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imported wheat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total quantity and value of wheat imported during the said period, country-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for importing wheat into the country during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) The total quantity and value of wheat imported in the country during the last three years country-wise (top five) and year-wise is given as under:-

Quantity in MT/Value in USD

COUNTRY	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16(APR TO FEB)*	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
AUSTRALIA	11,272	4,415,680	26,935	9,246,534	4,59,852	122,751,765
FRANCE					52,500	11,317,961
MEXICO					2	400
RUSSIA					1065	286,783
UKRAINE					2,556	704,437
TOTAL	11,272	4,415,680	29,493	9,951,371	5,13,417	134,356,509

Source: DGCI&S / * Provisional

(c) The import and export of agricultural products depends on various factors including availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, concerns of food security, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing/exporting countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, need to balance between remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices. The Government takes into account the above factors before deciding on import or export of agricultural commodities. However, no import has been made to the Government account during the year 2015-16.

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